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1. SINCE IT NOW APPARENT THERE WILL BE NO TNC MEETING IN JUNE, LONG HAS SCHEDULED FURTHER INFORMAL DISCUSSION ON GATT MANAGEMENT WITH KEY DEVELOPED COUNTRY DELS AFTERNOON OF JUNE 6. WE ASSUME REFTEL A CONTINUES TO BE CURRENT GUIDANCE BUT WOULD WELCOME ANY FURTHER COMMENT.

2. PATTERSON TELLS US LONG HELD MEETING WITH KEY DEVELOPING COUNTRY DELEGATIONS AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME AS MEETING REPORTED REFTEL B. REACTION OF LDCS TO STEERING GROUP CONCEPT WAS GENERALLY FAVORABLE AND PATTERSON THINKS THERE WOULD BE NO SERIOUS PROBLEM IN AGREEING ON REPRESENTATIVE SEATS FROM LDC GROUP. PATTERSON THINKS PRIMARY PROBLEMS IS EC, MORE

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SPECIFICALLY THAT MEMBER COUNTRIES WOULD NOT AGREE TO BE

EXCLUDED FROM MEETINGS AND THAT ALLOWING THEM TO BE PRESENT
ALONG WITH COMMISSION WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO LIMIT OTHER
ATTENDANCE AND KEEP MEETING SMALL.

3. IN FURTHER INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS WITH VARIOUS OTHER
DELEGATIONS, WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT MANY WOULD FAVOR STEERING
GROUP, THOUGH SOME SEE PROBLEMS OF COMPOSITION. NEW ZEALAND
AND POLAND BOTH TOLD US THEY LIKE IDEA, ASSUMING THEY WOULD BE
REPRESENTED. NZ ASSUMES JOINT SEAT WITH AUSTRALIA; POLAND
WOULD ASSUME JOINT SEAT WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND HUNGARY IN
SEVEN PLUS SEVEN OR EIGHT PLUS EIGHT PLUS ONE.

4. IN ABSENCE OF LONG, WHO IS AWAY UNTIL JUNE 4, WE ALSO
DISCUSSED WITH PATTERSON WHETHER IT WOULD BE USEFUL NOW TO
DISCUSS CREATION OF SPECIAL TNC GROUP (PARA. 4 REFTEL A). HE
RESPONDED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW, BUT IF WE DO SO WE WOULD HAVE TO
DISPEL SUSPICIONS WHICH HAD BEEN AROUSED EARLIER REGARDING U.S.
OBJECTIVES, E.G. THAT WE ARE OUT TO DUMP LONG OR INTENDED GROUP
TO TAKE ON ASSIGNMENTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST OR ADVANTAGE TO U.S.
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